

PROSPECTIVELY ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

*NOTE: Claims are renumbered in order expected when patent issues. Original claim numbers are also shown (in parentheses) if different.*

1. (11) Composite protective headgear, comprising essentially a translucent exterior abrasion-resistant solid plastic layer, an opaque interior solid plastic layer, and intermediate distinctive patterning sandwiched therebetween visible to an onlooker viewing it from the exterior.

2. (15) Protective headgear of generally hemispherical shape and composite laminar structure, comprising

an outer layer of durable translucent thermoplastic material,  
an inner layer of durable opaque thermoplastic material,  
intervening patterning on one of the aforesaid layers,  
the patterning being visible to an external observer viewing it through the translucent outer layer and thus against the opaque inner layer.

3. (17) Headgear according to claim 2 (15), plus spacing means therein adapted to space the surface of the headgear away from the head of a person wearing the headgear.

4. (18) Headgear according to claim 3 (17), wherein the spacing means includes suspension material detachably attached to the headgear.

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5. (24) Method of making protective headgear, comprising the following steps:

forming an opaque sheet of durable plastic composition into a generally hemispherical headgear configuration;

forming a translucent sheet of durable plastic composition into a like hemispherical headgear configuration adjacent the exterior of the opaque sheet;

including an intermediate step of providing laminar patterning therebetween, initially associated more closely with one such sheet than with the other such sheet; and

solidifying the respective sheets into composite headgear configuration with the patterning visible to outside viewers of it.

6. (25) Method according to claim 5 (24), including a preliminary step of providing the opaque sheet with such patterning on the face thereof at the outside of its hemispherical configuration.

7. (26) Method according to claim 5 (24), including a preliminary step of providing the translucent sheet with such patterning on the face thereof at the inside of its hemispherical configuration.

8. (28) Patterned generally hemispherical headgear produced by the method of claim 5 (24).

9. (29) Method according to claim 5 (24), further including a preliminary step of providing a distorted configuration of said patterning, when viewed flat on one of said sheets, prior to forming said one of said sheets into said generally hemispherical configuration, said distorted configuration of said pattern being adapted to become undistorted when said one of said sheets is formed into said hemispherical headgear configuration.

10. (30) Patterned generally hemispherical headgear produced by the method of claim 9 (29).